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HOUSE BILL No. 1565

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Citations Affected: IC 25-22.5.

Synopsis: Temporary medical permits for foreign physicians. Permits a person who has obtained a license to practice medicine outside the United States or Canada to obtain a temporary medical permit under certain circumstances.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 16, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.
February 3, 2003, reported — Do Pass.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-22.5-5-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) The board may
3 authorize the service bureau to issue temporary medical permits for the
4 practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine. When a temporary
5 medical permit is issued, it is subject to any termination date specified
6 by the board. A temporary medical permit may be issued to any person
7 who:
8 (1) has completed the academic requirements for the degree of
9 doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy from a medical school
10 approved by the board; and
11 (2) desires to obtain postgraduate medical education or training
12 in a medical education institution or hospital located in Indiana
13 which has standards for postgraduate medical education and
14 training satisfactory to the board;
15 is required to obtain a temporary medical permit unless the graduate
16 possesses an unlimited license to practice medicine or osteopathic
17 medicine in Indiana. Application for the permit must be made to the

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board subject to this article. A temporary medical permit issued to a person under this subsection for purposes of postgraduate training is valid for a period of one (1) year and may be renewed for additional one (1) year periods at the discretion of the board.

(b) **The board may issue a temporary medical permit to a graduate of a school located outside the United States, its possessions, or Canada if the graduate:**

(1) **has completed the academic requirements for the degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy from a medical school approved by the board;**

(2) **has been accepted into postgraduate medical education or training in a medical education institution or hospital located in Indiana that has standards for postgraduate medical education and training satisfactory to the board;**

(3) **provides the board with at least two (2) letters of reference documenting the individual's character; and**

(4) **demonstrates to the board that the individual is a physician of good character who is in good standing outside the United States, its possessions, or Canada where the person normally would practice.**

Applications for the temporary medical permit for graduates of foreign medical schools must be made to the board subject to this article. A license issued under this subsection expires one (1) year after the date it is issued.

(c) **An individual who applies for a temporary medical permit under subsection (b) is not required to take any step of the United States Medical Licensure Equivalent or the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination.**

(d) **A medical educational institution located in Indiana which has standards satisfactory to the board may, in the board's discretion, secure from it a permit for a person in the active practice of medicine outside the state of Indiana or the United States, but who is not licensed in Indiana, to teach medicine in the institution for an annually renewable period not to exceed one (1) year by filing with the board an application by the institution and the person certifying:**

(1) **the person's professional qualifications;**

(2) **the term of the teaching appointment;**

(3) **the medical subjects to be taught; and**

(4) **other information and assurances as the board may require.**

If the application is approved, the person is entitled to receive a "temporary medical teaching permit" which authorizes the person to teach medicine in the applicant institution for a stated period not to

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1 exceed one (1) year. This permit must be kept in the possession of the
 2 institution and surrendered by it to the board for cancellation within
 3 thirty (30) days after the person has ceased teaching in the institution.
 4 The permit authorizes the person to practice in the institution only and,
 5 in the course of teaching, to practice those medical or osteopathic
 6 medical acts as are usually and customarily performed by a physician
 7 teaching in a medical educational institution, but does not authorize the
 8 person to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine otherwise.

9 ~~(e)~~ (e) Any medical educational institution in this state which
 10 authorizes or permits a physician to violate this article or which itself
 11 violates this section may, in the discretion of the board, be disqualified
 12 from further receiving the benefits of this section.

13 ~~(d)~~ (f) The board may authorize the issuance of a temporary medical
 14 permit to a person who will be taking in Indiana for the first time the
 15 examination or portion of the examination required by the board. A
 16 temporary medical permit holder under this subsection shall work
 17 under the supervision of a licensed physician, who is in good standing
 18 with the board, until the results of the examination taken by the permit
 19 holder are published by the board. If the holder of a temporary medical
 20 permit under this subsection fails the examination, the board may
 21 reissue a temporary medical permit to the holder upon conditions, and
 22 for a period of time, that the board considers appropriate.

23 ~~(e)~~ (g) A person who holds a valid license to practice medicine or
 24 osteopathic medicine in the United States, its possessions, or Canada,
 25 and who is seeking licensure by endorsement, may be issued a
 26 temporary medical permit by the service bureau upon the authorization
 27 of the board. A temporary medical permit issued under this subsection
 28 is valid for ninety (90) days or for a period considered appropriate by
 29 the board.

30 ~~(f)~~ (h) A person who is licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic
 31 medicine by any board or licensing agency of another state or
 32 jurisdiction, and who meets the requirements established by the board
 33 under IC 25-22.5-2-7, may be issued a temporary medical permit
 34 limited by terms and conditions considered appropriate by the board.
 35 A temporary medical permit issued under this subsection is valid for a
 36 nonrenewable period of no more than thirty (30) days.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1565, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BROWN C, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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